

GySgt Long has served his country in some of the most dangerous places in the world. He has also dedicated significant effort developing the necessary skills that enabled him to be an enormous asset and enabler for the units he served. For example, he spent 52 weeks learning the Pashtu language, an extremely difficult language to learn. He attended other schools such as the very intense and difficult Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape course (SERE), Technical Surveillance Sciences Course, the Close Quarters Battle courses and Electronic Surveillance courses.

Finally, as a Command Counterintelligence Staff Officer assigned to the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group, he has conducted multiple counterintelligence site visits to Marine Corps Security Guard Detachments in places like Moscow, Russia; Hong Kong, Hong Kong; Freetown, Sierra Leone; and Bridgetown, Barbados.

Over the course of 20 years of dedicated service, GySgt Long has repeatedly demonstrated honor and dedication indicative of a great Marine and American hero. His valiant efforts both across oceans in enemy territory as well as here at home have helped to protect and shape our nation. On behalf of the United States Congress, and the American people we represent, I extend my deep appreciation to Gunnery Sergeant Jeremy L. Long for his service to our country. My best wishes on a happy retirement and continued success.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Mount Olive Baptist Church. This church is the oldest in the Stafford, Virginia area and has uplifted the community through countless hardships and celebrated through countless joys.

The Mount Olive Baptist Church was established on May 16, 1818, as a rudimentary wood structure under the guidance of Reverend Horace Crutcher. The church began to grow immediately, and established a school in the aftermath of the Civil War.

The church has since launched outreach programs in Zambia, Ghana, and New Zealand, providing food, water, shelter, and medical care to the needy. They also provide bible studies, musical ministries, and youth programs for the Stafford community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me as we recognize the immeasurable good that the Mount Olive Baptist church has done for those in the Stafford community over the last 200 years.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 181, 182, and 183 on Tuesday,

May 15, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

#### BUFFALO BILL DAYS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Buffalo Bill Days for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business Award.

The Ethics in Business Award was established by the Golden Rotary to honor for-profit and non-profit businesses. The recipients of this award must maintain integrity, conviction and possess high ethical standards demonstrated by the treatment of customers, employees, community and the environment.

Buffalo Bill Days is a 100 percent volunteer run non-profit organization. They are responsible for putting on the largest community festival in Golden, Colorado. The event dates back to the 1940s and is an event the residents of Golden look forward to every year. Buffalo Bill Days is well known for their responsible management of finances and are a model for how organizations can work and co-operate with one another.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Buffalo Bill Days for receiving this well-deserved honor by the Golden Rotary. I thank them for their continued commitment to our community.

#### WELCOMING GUEST CHAPLAIN DR. TED KITCHENS TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to welcome Dr. Ted Kitchens as our guest chaplain this morning and greatly appreciate him leading us in prayer.

Dr. Kitchens is from the 12th District of Texas, which I proudly represent.

He's served as the Senior Pastor of Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth for the past 36 years.

Under his leadership, Dr. Kitchens grew his congregation from 116 people to more than 6,000 members per week.

Christ Chapel Bible Church has also grown to become a vital partner with the entire Fort Worth community.

Dr. Kitchens has been married to his wife Lynn for 41 years, and they have two wonderful children, Kassie and Tyler.

I want to thank Pastor Kitchens for all he does to serve our community and for providing us with spiritual guidance on this day.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed three votes on

May 15, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 181; YEA on Roll Call No. 182; and YEA on Roll Call No. 183.

#### CONGRATULATING THE NORTH COUNTRY MISSION OF HOPE ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the North Country Mission of Hope on its 20th anniversary.

In 1998, Sister Debbie Blow and a team of dedicated students from Seton Catholic School started a fundraising project to benefit victims of Hurricane Mitch in Nicaragua. What started as a small project grew to yearly mission trips to Nicaragua, ultimately becoming the North Country Mission of Hope. Since then, the North Country Mission of Hope has partnered with countless non-governmental organizations to create a network of support all the way from the North Country to Central America.

While originally established to help hurricane victims, the North Country Mission of Hope has grown to support sustainable programs in education, healthcare, community and ecological development. Its service reaches some of the poorest areas of Nicaragua. Currently, the North Country Mission of Hope coordinates over 850 education sponsorships, nutritional feeding programs at 24 schools, and ships needed supplies at least twice a year. Through its tireless commitment to serving others, the Mission of Hope continuously achieves its goal of fostering hope and empowering relationships with the people of Nicaragua.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to honor the North Country Mission of Hope for its 20 years of service and thank its members for being exceptional ambassadors of the North Country. I look forward to watching the amazing things that the North Country Mission of Hope accomplishes for many years to come.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on May 15, 2018 due to Pennsylvania primary elections. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA for rollcall vote 181; YEA for rollcall vote 182; and YEA for rollcall vote 183.

#### LUKAS KNIGHT

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 16, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lukas Knight